

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: REID *et al.*

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For: PROLIFERATION OF  
HEPATOCYTE PRECURSORS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

No fee is believed due for the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1710.